

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/004,245

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response of May 15, 2006 and June 9, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7-10, 20-22 and 26-46.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 6/9/06;
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-5,7-10,20-22 and 26-46 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record neither anticipated nor rendered obvious that a liquid crystal display device comprises various elements as claimed, more specifically, as the following features:

the pixel electrode having such configuration that the second end portion and the fourth end portion are at a same height as the main face (flat face), and the first end portion and the third end portion are disposed closer to the opposed electrode than the main face; and the two end portions of the first end portion are further closer to the opposed electrode than the center of the first end portion; and the two end portions of the third end portion are further closer to the opposed electrode than the center of the third end portion [claims 4, 29, 35 and 41, as shown in Figs. 6A, 6B and 7];

the pixel electrodes having a main face (flat face) and a first face between the two second faces as shown in Fig 6A , 6B; and the second faces closer to the opposed electrode than the first face [claims 1,20 and 26, as shown in Figs.6A, 6B and 7].

The reference US 5,872,611 (Hirata et al) discloses a pixel electrode having protrusions, but does not disclose such pixel configuration as claimed wherein the pixel electrode having first end portion, third end portion, second end portion and forth end portion; and two end portions of the first end portion, two end portions of the third end portion; and the edge portions as claimed, and as shown in the Figs.6A, 6B and 7. The

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reference US 6,452,648 (Maeda) teaches terminal electrode having high connection reliability, but does not teach the pixel electrode having such configuration as set forth above. The reference US 6,555,265 (Fleming et al) is concerned about a battery cell and is not related with the liquid crystal display.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mike Qi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2299. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571) 272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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